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On 27 and 29 April and again on 4 and 7 May. there were a few formation flights observed in addition to the individual flights being performed. On 29 April, as an Il-28 was landing one of its tires burst, and overran the runway, and came to a stop in the grass. Another Il-28 on this same day rolled over while landing. The wrecked aircraft was immediately towed away.

6 May. A roll call was held in the barracks area in Jagen 126 and a total of 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers were lined up while a general gave a speech. <sup>1</sup>

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2. Some of the trucks parked at the field [redacted] were being utilized as supply vehicles. [redacted]

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Three large 4-axle tank trucks and a sizeable number of regular tank trucks were also observed.

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3. On the last days of observation, it was noted that the Bauunion Magdeburg had started excavation work in Jagen 94 where buildings were to be constructed. Masonry work which had been done at the battery charging station by a "Jugend-Brigade" had to be removed because their work had been performed with little care. The flight control station is to be built very rapidly. Work on fuel dump II was not yet resumed.

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4. Between 2 and 7 May 1955, a new construction site which was observed at Gross Doelln airfield was located about [redacted]

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bunker-like concrete structure with an underground section and a large over-ground section was to be built there. The floors between the individual stories were allegedly scheduled to be 80 cm thick. For the size and location of the building it was assumed that the building was to house the flight control station. The VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg was allegedly charged with 25 individual construction projects at unidentified locations. In this connection mention was made on individual DF stations some of which would be located at quite a distance from the airfield. Construction work on fuel dump II was not yet started. The Bauunion Magdeburg constructed barracks south and east of the quartering buildings. A concrete road, 6 meters wide and 15 cm thick, was under construction from connecting lane A/B to the Gross Döhlen - Kurtschlag road. <sup>2</sup>

5. The following air activity was observed at the field between 4 and 27 May:

4 May. Five Uil-28s [redacted] were employed in very favorable weather. Seven Il-28s [redacted] were also seen aloft. 25X1  
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7 May. Between 0655 and 0800, the 5 Uil-28s [redacted] made local flights of 6 minutes duration. When the aircraft were towed away by trucks, a small two-wheel cart was attached by wire cable main to the main struts of the nose wheel. 25X1

11 May. Between 0645 and 1400, five Uil-28s [redacted] and 12 Il-28s [redacted] practiced flying. 25X1  
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16 May. Local flights were made for a short period. [redacted] 25X1

19 May. Five Uil-28s made individual local flights. 25X1

26 May. During the night of 26/27 May, 4 Uil-28s made individual local flights from 2000 to 0100. <sup>1</sup>

6. The following details were observed on Il-28s and Uil-28s:

Three rods which were approximately the thickness of a finger projected perpendicularly downward from the underside of the rear section of the fuselage. The last rod, about 25 cm long and painted red, was fitted about 1.2 meters forward from the end of the fuselage, and the other two rods were about 20 cm long, blue and fitted about 50 cm apart toward the nose. These rods were observed on all Il-28s. [redacted] additionally [redacted] a dark gray basket-shaped device [redacted] was observed from a distance of 70 meters. All Il-28s had an outside antenna which extended from a rod, that was fitted on the nose compartment aft of the cabin and slanted to the rear, to the upper edge of the rudder assembly. <sup>3</sup> 25X1  
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7. Two large tank semitrailers and 30 regular tank trucks including some with trailers were parked on the athletic field near the quartering buildings. The refueling of a regular tank truck [redacted] near fuel dump I took 15 minutes. 25X1

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1.  Comment. Gross Doelln airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with 28 to 30 Il-28s or Uil-28s.   

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2.  Comment. For course of road, see Annex 1. 

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3.  Comment. Four perpendicular rods have previously been observed on the underside of the rear section of the fuselage. It is assumed that these rods are dipoles but as to what purpose they serve it has never been determined. A basket-like device under the fuselage was observed once before in August 1952. For sketch, see Annex.2.

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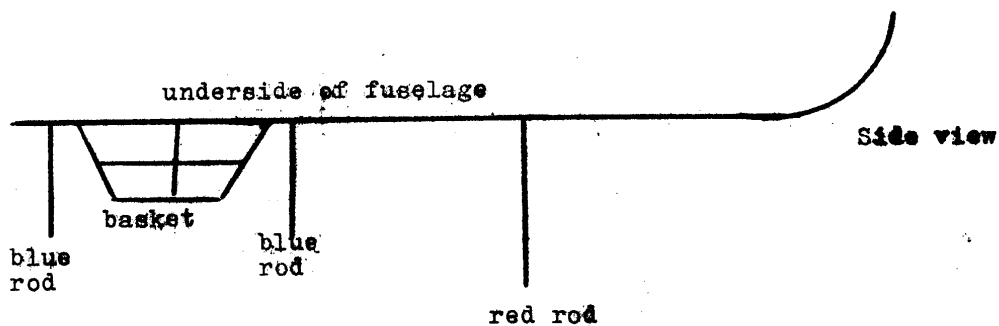
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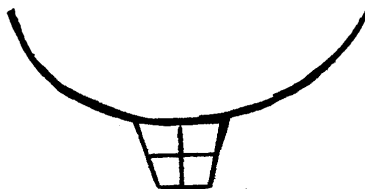
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Basket-Shaped Device Fitted on Underside of Fuselage  
of IL-28



View from the rear



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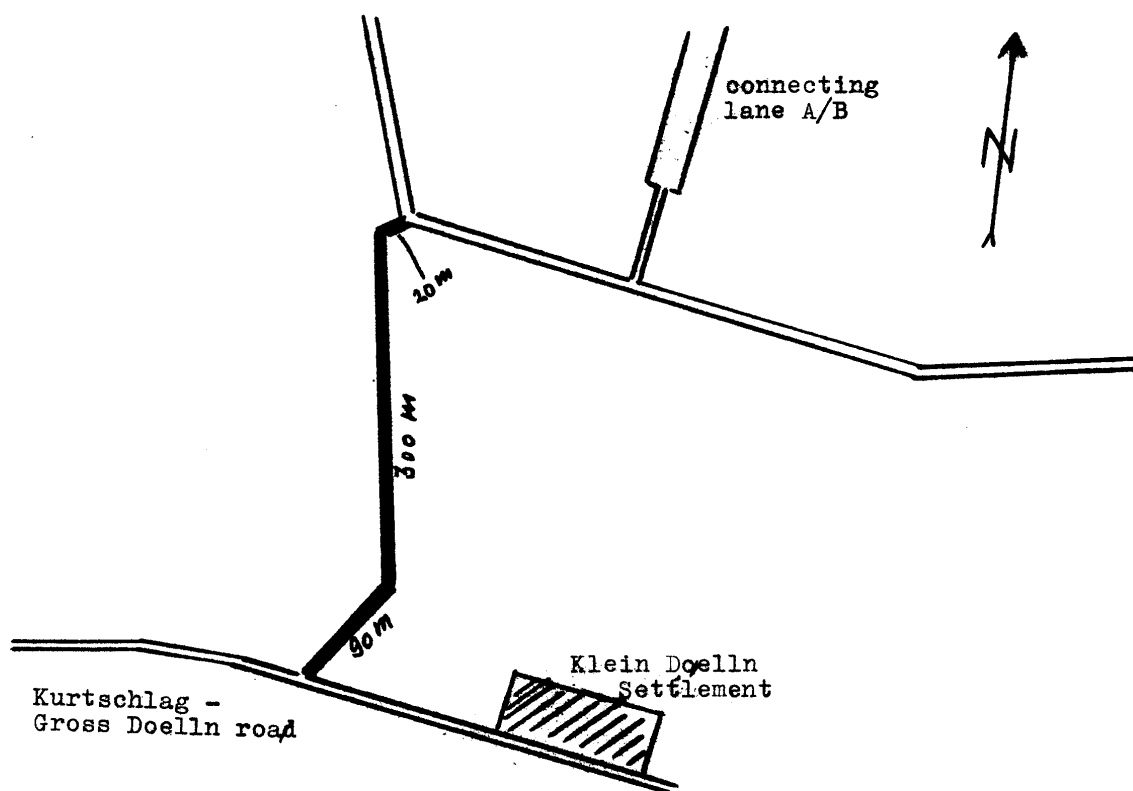
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Annex 1

Concrete Road at Gross Doelln Airfield



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